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The Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

As Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Task Force on International Narcotics Control, I would like to ask your cooperation in providing a witness for a hearing I am proposing for March 4 on Nicaraguan government involvement in narcotics trafficking.

The Task Force in previous years has held hearings on Cuban and Bulgarian government involvement in drug trafficking; however, we have not been able to examine Nicaraguan government involvement due to the lack of credible witnesses. It is now my understanding that such an individual is available, and I am therefore requesting your assistance in facilitating his testimony before the Task Force.

The purpose of the hearing would be to examine the available evidence on Nicaraguan government involvement in drug trafficking; the source of the illicit drugs; the amount of funds generated; and the ultimate use of these illicit gains. (For example, could these funds have been used to finance the M-19 assault last year on the Palace of Justice in Bogota, Colombia?)

The hearing would take place on March 4, in Room 2200 Rayburn House Office Building, at 2:00 p.m. I would appreciate any assistance you can provide in making available an appropriate witness for that date.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence I Smith
Chairman, Task Force on
International Narrotics Control

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